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## MSCI Minimum Volatility Indices to begin using the new Barra Global Equity Model (GEM2) and MSCI to consult on potential methodology enhancements

**Geneva – October 26, 2009** - MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that it will begin using the new Barra Global Equity Model (GEM2) in the construction of the MSCI Minimum Volatility Indices and that it will consult with the investment community on potential methodology enhancements to the Minimum Volatility Indices. The MSCI Minimum Volatility Indices will begin using the new Barra Global Equity Model (GEM2) as of the close of November 30, 2009. In addition, MSCI proposes to introduce certain enhancements to the existing methodology to further increase the investability and replicability of the Minimum Volatility Indices. The consultation document describing these potential enhancements in detail is available on the MSCI Barra web site at [www.msclubarra.com](http://www.msclubarra.com)

Please note that this consultation may or may not lead to any changes to the MSCI Minimum Volatility Indices. MSCI Barra's final decision will be announced on or before November 13, 2009.

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The company's flagship products are the MSCI International Equity Indices, which include over 120,000 indices calculated daily across more than 70 countries, and the Barra risk models and portfolio analytics, which cover 56 equity and 46 fixed income markets. MSCI Inc. is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

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